

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 437

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tim DeLappe for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Reserve Fire Lieutenant Tim DeLappe, who has recently been named the Bartlett Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Bartlett Fire Department since November 1999, Tim DeLappe has been a Reserve Fire Lieutenant and an EMT-IV for two years; during his time in these capacities, he has displayed a commendable work ethic in his service to the city; and

WHEREAS, known for his selflessness, Lieutenant DeLappe can always be counted upon to go the extra mile for his peers; he voluntarily sits in on classes with new reserve firefighters, keeps his pager on whether he is on call or not, and shows up at emergency scenes to lend an extra hand, even when not on duty; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant DeLappe's spirit of volunteerism does not end at the fire department doors; he has been an employee of the City of Memphis for nineteen years, regularly attends functions at other fire departments, works on a rescue track at the Memphis Motorsports Park, and takes classes in fire-related discipline whenever offered; and

WHEREAS, also in addition to his work with the Bartlett Fire Department, Lieutenant DeLappe still finds time to lend his talents to a variety of charities and needs; and

WHEREAS, those who know him best describe Tim DeLappe as diplomatic, caring, and a positive example; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant DeLappe epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Tim DeLappe is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dee, and his daughter, Christi; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Reserve Fire Lieutenant Tim DeLappe for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Reserve Fire Lieutenant Tim DeLappe for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being chosen as Bartlett Firefighter of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.